the motion has provided me with an opportunity of explaining the position in a clear manner. I want people to understand the attitude of Government and I want hon. Members opposite to appreciate our difficulties and to help us in our attempts to tide over the unfortunate situation which will affect you and everybody in the country. We are glad that the grave situation has been tided over and the hon. Members may rest assured and leave the situation to us to solve."

SRI M. D. T. KUMARASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"Who does the Hon. Minister mean by producer, is it the person to whom eight annas is given?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"It is the person who produces the grain."

SRI M. D. T. KUMARASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"In that case the actual cultivator will not be able to have any for his own purpose."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"The hon. Member does not understand what I have said. The producer is whoever gives paddy for procurement."

SRI M. D. T. KUMARASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"The tahsildars and the deputy tahsildars do it differently."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"I am afraid I cannot go into a review or an explanation of the definition of who is the producer and how the matter could be dealt with."

MR. PRESIDENT :—"This is a matter which can be decided by Government by executive action and ensure that proper steps are taken to see that money reaches the proper person."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—"The real crux of the position is the price the societies were paying. While the millers were paying, say Rs. 10, the societies were prepared to give only Rs. 9, the balance of Re. 1 constituting their profits. In other words for every bag of paddy they sold to the society they were asked to lose Re. 1 but they were getting it in full in days when the miller was the procurer. The real question is what the ryot gets for the rice, I do hope that this Government will not stand on prestige and will come to a quick decision regarding the question of the subsidy to be given."

MR. PRESIDENT :—"I declare the motion talked out."

V.—HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

MR. PRESIDENT :—"I have to announce to the House that the following message has been received by me from His Excellency the Governor :—

'In pursuance of clause (*b*) of sub-section (2) of section 62 of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Archibald Edward Nye, Governor of Madras, hereby prorogue this session of the Madras Legislative Council with effect from the conclusion of business on 25th April 1947'.

The House stands prorogued."